

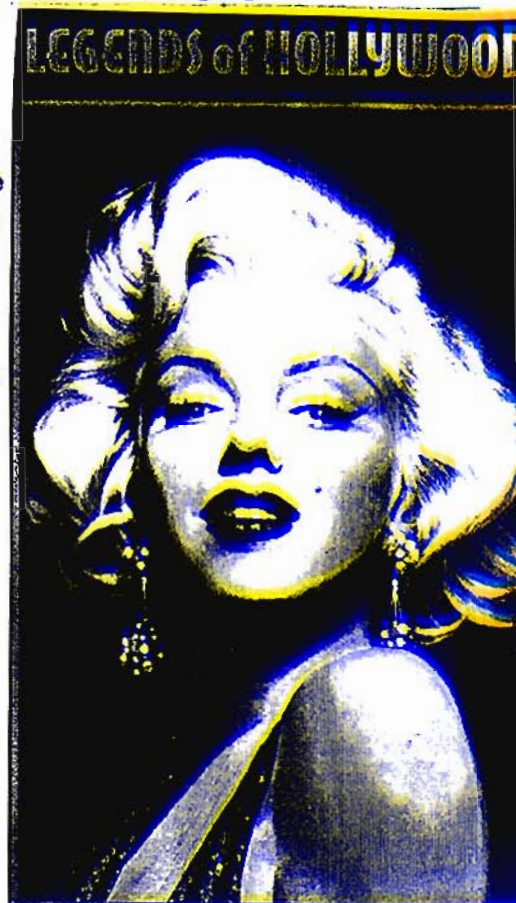
ANOTHER CELEBRITY FOR US?

In the August 1994 DD our headline article noted that Shirley Temple has Dunham ancestry, although her great grandmother, Mrs. Reuben S. B. (Jane Dunham) Temple, has not been identified. Now we have news of another famous movie star/kinswoman: MARILYN MONROE (1926-1962)(11), whose Dunham ancestry appears to be: Deacon John 1, Jonathan 2, Gershom 3, David 4, David 5, Thankful Dunham Gifford 6, John A. Gifford 7, Charles A. Gifford 8, Frederick A. Gifford 9, Charles S. Gifford 10). If this seems a bit fanciful, read on. The following story comes from Gratia D. Mahony, N. Andover, MA, a great benefactor of DD & a lady who documents her work with exceeding care. (She's even undertaken the project of unsnarling Isaac W. Dunham's genealogical ball of yarn!)

WAS MARILYN MONROE...A DUNHAM?

Gratia D. Mahony

An article in the "Notable Kin" column of NEXUS, Vol. VII, No. 2, written by Richard E. Brenneman presents the theory that Hollywood movie star Marilyn Monroe was a descendant of John 1, Jonathan 2, Gershom 3, David 4, David Jr. 5, Thankful Dunham 6. Charles Stanley Gifford (1898-1965), a studio co-worker of Marilyn's mother, was the man who Marilyn believed was her father. Marilyn never knew him, although she may have tried to call him once, & she knew nothing about Gifford's Rhode Island & southeastern Massachusetts ancestry. Charles Gifford's father moved to California early in this century, when Charles was still a youth. Norma Jeane Mortenson (raised as Norma Jeane Baker & known as Marilyn Monroe) was born in Los Angeles, CA 1 June 1926. Her mother, Gladys Pearl Monroe, was born in Mexico 24 May 1900, & died in Gainesville, FL 11 March 1984. Gladys Monroe married (1st) "Jack" Baker & was divorced from him in 1921. She married (2nd) 11 Oct. 1924 in Hollywood, CA Martin E. Mortenson, who apparently deserted his wife a few months after the marriage. The man who Marilyn believed to be her father, Charles Stanley Gifford, was born in Newport, RI 18 Sept. 1898, & died Hemet, Riverside Co., CA 27 June 1965. He was the son of Frederick Almy Gifford, b. New Bedford, MA 12 Apr. 1867; grandson of Charles Adams Gifford, b. New Bedford 7 May 1839; great grandson of John Allen Gifford, b. Westport, MA 18 Jul. 1802; & great great grandson of Abner Gifford, b. Westport 16 Oct. 1780, & his wife, Thankful Dunham, whom he married 11 Apr. 1802. Thankful Dunham was probably b. Edgartown, MA, ca. 1770, & d. Dartmouth 17 Feb. 1837, age 66 years. She was the daughter of David Dunham, Jr., b. Edgartown ca. 1724 & Priscilla Butler (his 2nd wife). From David, Jr. the line goes back through David 4, Gershom 3, Jonathan 2, to Deacon John Dunham 1. (Cont'd page 2)



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MARILYN MONROE (from p. 1) Further information on the Rhode Island ancestry of Charles Stanley Gifford is presented in the NEXUS article. Marilyn Monroe is certainly one of America's most enduring contemporary legends. While her paternity may never be proven, it is most interesting to speculate on her possible Dunham ancestry.

MICHIGAN SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH BENEFITS PAID OUT Part II. (thoughtfully supplied by Selma Blackmon, Stone Mountain, GA.)

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Q U E R Y

JEAN BEVIS, 3131 Coleridge Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, is searching for information regarding HANNAH DUNHAM (b. 1801, New Jersey), who married Joseph E. BONNELL in Hamilton Co., OH in 1822. They had 2 sons born in Ohio before moving to Switzerland Co., IN by 1838. Whose daughter was Hannah?



Railroad Buffs Watch Models in Action

Robert Dunham, 5526 Marsha Dr., watches his engine chug across a trestle Sunday at an open house held by the South Central Wisconsin Division of the National Model Railroad Assn. Railroad buffs and other visitors saw portable layouts in op-

eration and prize-winning models. Dunham is president of the division, which is observing Model Railroad Week this week. The open house was at the GAR Memorial Hall, 118 Monona Ave.

—State Journal Photo by John G. White

LEFT- The STATE JOURNAL of Feb. 20, 1968 included this item on Madison's Bob W. Dunham (11) (Deacon John 1, Joseph 2, Micaiah 3, Micaiah 4, Joseph 5, Benjamin 6, Robert F. 7, Ephraim 8, James W. 9, Rex J. 10). Such intense concentration could only be evoked by a much-loved activity!

QUERY

RICHARD L. SPORE, P. O. Box 825, Lake Jackson, TX 77566, is looking for information on his great great grandmother, Mary (Dunham) Spore. She married Zenas Spore Sept. 26, 1831 in London District, Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada. Both were recorded as residents of Bayham Twp, Middlesex Co., at that time. The 1871 census for London & Middlesex Co. lists an Elijah Dunham, who may have been Mary's brother.

Initial Suggestion: What might seem a long-shot could pay off. Check your nearest large library to see if it has a London area phone book. If so, look for Dunham entries. (If not, try Directory As-

sistance.) If you could find descendants of Elijah Dunham, they might possibly have a ton of historical materials for you.

18-YEAR-OLD POEM BEGS TO SEE LIGHT OF DAY

The DISPATCH is dependent
 Upon each descendant
 Of Ralph & Melinda!
 Put on your agenda
 To send us your news
 And maybe some views
 Of yourself and your spouse,
 Your kids and your house.
 All pictures will be
 Returned quickly by me,
 And they'll make the newsletter
 Remarkably better,
 Cause these publications
 Need ALL our relations.

Once upon a long time ago (1977)
 DD was addressed only to the de-
 scendants of Ralph Dunham (1789-
 1847)(7)(Deacon John 1, John 2,
 John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5,
 Jonathan 6) & his wife Melinda
 (Hyde) Dunham. This poem was
 intended to jog the memories of
 those on our skimpy mailing list
 to send in material. It was
 never published, because about
 that time we gave up on getting
 them going. However, it would
 hardly do to waste such a heroic
 poetic effort -- despite its
 occasional foul rhyming: Melinda/
 agenda!! Puh-leeze!!!!

RIGHT:

LITTLE LORD WHO-LE ROY??

FRANCIS SYLVESTER DUNHAM
 (1876-1942)(10)(Deacon John
 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer
 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6,
 Ralph 7, Francis S. 8,
 Samuel E. 9), aged about 11
 here, was all dressed up in
 an outfit he'd probably
 rather not have worn at all.
 His mother thought he looked
 wonderful, though!
 Imagine the number of hours
 that the dressmaker slaved
 over the construction of
 this suit -- & the ages that
 poor Frank stood to have it
 fitted.

